

## New income guidelines take effect with your July coverage

Every spring, the federal government publishes new income guidelines. These guidelines are the basis for determining Basic Health eligibility and monthly premiums. **Because of the new income guidelines, your enclosed billing statement for July coverage may show a new monthly premium amount.**

Any time your income or family size changes, Basic Health will determine whether it changes your "income band," as shown on the table below. If you move to a different income band, your premium will change. Be sure to keep Basic Health informed of any changes to your income or family size.

Income Table								
Number of Persons in Family								
Gross Monthly Income	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Income Band
	\$0 - \$518.37	\$0 - \$694.95	\$0 - \$871.54	\$0 - \$1,048.12	\$0 - \$1,224.70	\$0 - \$1,401.29	\$0 - \$1,577.87	A
	518.38 - 797.49	694.96 - 1,069.16	871.55 - 1,340.83	1,048.13 - 1,612.49	1,224.71 - 1,884.16	1,401.30 - 2,155.83	1,577.88 - 2,427.49	B
	797.50 - 996.87	1,069.17 - 1,336.45	1,340.84 - 1,676.04	1,612.50 - 2,015.62	1,884.17 - 2,355.20	2,155.84 - 2,694.79	2,427.50 - 3,034.37	C
	996.88 - 1,116.49	1,336.46 - 1,496.83	1,676.05 - 1,877.16	2,015.63 - 2,257.49	2,355.21 - 2,637.83	2,694.80 - 3,018.16	3,034.38 - 3,398.49	D
	1,116.50 - 1,236.12	1,496.84 - 1,657.20	1,877.17 - 2,078.29	2,257.50 - 2,499.37	2,637.84 - 2,920.45	3,018.17 - 3,341.54	3,398.50 - 3,762.62	E
	1,236.13 - 1,355.74	1,657.21 - 1,817.58	2,078.30 - 2,279.41	2,499.38 - 2,741.24	2,920.46 - 3,203.08	3,341.55 - 3,664.91	3,762.63 - 4,126.74	F
	1,355.75 - 1,475.37	1,817.59 - 1,977.95	2,279.42 - 2,480.54	2,741.25 - 2,983.12	3,203.09 - 3,485.70	3,664.92 - 3,988.29	4,126.75 - 4,490.87	G
	1,475.38 - 1,595.07	1,977.96 - 2,138.44	2,480.55 - 2,681.80	2,983.13 - 3,225.16	3,485.71 - 3,768.52	3,988.30 - 4,311.88	4,490.88 - 4,855.24	H

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# What is the “real” cost of Basic Health coverage?

Health care can be expensive. That's why Basic Health offers reduced-premium coverage to 100,000 people across Washington state.

As a Basic Health member, you pay a portion of the actual cost of your coverage; the rest is paid by the state. A set amount is paid to each health plan; the portion of the premium you pay is determined by the health plan chosen, the county where you live, number and ages of family members, and income.

Each month, Basic Health sends payment to the health plan you've chosen for your coverage. The amount we pay to the health plan includes the

amount you pay to Basic Health (your monthly premium) plus the amount paid by the state (the premium subsidy). The average amount Basic Health pays to the health plans each month for coverage of a 40-year-old member is \$206.55. If that member pays a \$17 monthly premium, the state pays the difference of \$189.55 each month toward the actual cost of the coverage. On average, the state pays about 81 percent of the total amount paid to the health plan for each member.

Hand in hand with you, we're working together to keep your family healthy, and to make the most of our investment in your health care dollars.

## Figuring your monthly income

At least once each year, Basic Health will check your income to make sure you still qualify for the program, and what your monthly premium will be. To do this, we will ask you for current pay stubs and a copy of your most recently filed IRS Form 1040 and all schedules. We will also ask for proof that you are a Washington State resident. You are required to return this information to us.

Once we receive it, we will compare the pay stubs and tax information to see which gives us the most current picture of your income. This process is called "recertification"; you will receive detailed instructions when your account is selected for the process.



## Providing false information

It is important that any information you provide to Basic Health is accurate and timely. Do not report false information or withhold information required for your Basic Health membership. If you do, Basic Health may require you to pay up to two times the amount the state paid for your coverage. You can also be disenrolled from Basic Health, prosecuted, and billed for any medical services you received.

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This serves as official notice of changes to your Basic Health coverage, and is an addendum to your *Member Handbook*.

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